

Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife

AGENDA

Thursday ~ March 12, 2015 ~ 6:00 p.m.
Nevada Department of Wildlife
Conference Room B
1100 Valley Road, Reno, Nevada

MEMBERS

Sean Shea, Chair
Miles Humphreys, Jr., Vice-chair
Michelle Spencer, Secretary
Cathy Smith
William Tamblyn

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http://www.ndow.org/Public_Meetings/County_Advisory_Boards/Washoe/

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The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may consider items on the agenda out of order.

The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may combine two or more agenda items for consideration.

The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife may remove an item from the agenda or delay discussion relating to an item on the agenda at any time.

Time Limits – Public comments are welcomed during the Public Comment periods for all matters, whether listed on the agenda or not, and are limited to three (3) minutes per person. Additionally, public comment specific to the action item of three (3) minutes per person will be heard during individual action items on the agenda. Persons are invited to submit comments in writing on the agenda items and/or attend and make comment on that item at the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting. Persons may not allocate unused time to other speakers.

Forum Restrictions and Orderly Conduct of Business – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife conducts the business of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners on behalf of Washoe County and its citizens during its meetings. The presiding officer may order the removal of any person whose statement or other conduct disrupts the orderly, efficient or safe conduct of the meeting. Warnings against disruptive comments or behavior may or may not be given prior to removal. The viewpoint of a speaker will not be restricted, but reasonable restrictions may be imposed upon the time, place and manner of speech. Irrelevant and unduly repetitious statements and personal attacks which antagonize or incite others are examples of speech that may be reasonably limited.

Responses to Public Comments – The Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife can deliberate or take action only if a matter has been listed on an agenda properly posted prior to the meeting. During the Public Comment period, speakers may address matters listed or not listed on the published agenda. The Open Meeting Law does not expressly prohibit responses to public comments by the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife. However, responses from Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife to unlisted public comment topics could become deliberation on a matter without notice to the public. On the advice of legal counsel and to ensure the public has notice of all matters the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife will consider. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may choose not to respond to public comments, except to correct factual inaccuracies, ask for Washoe County staff action or to ask that a matter be listed on a future Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife meeting agenda. The Washoe County Advisory Committee to Manage Wildlife may do this either during the Public Comment item or during the following item: **“WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item].”

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1. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** [Non-action item]
2. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** [Non-action item]
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.
4. **APPROVAL OF JANUARY 29, 2015, MINUTES** (For possible action)
5. **BOARD MEMBER MEETING ASSIGNMENT** (Non-action item) – *A discussion and selection of member(s) to attend the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners meetings on: 1) March 20 and 21, 2015, meetings in Reno, Nevada; and 2). May 8 and 9, 2015, meetings in Reno, Nevada.*
6. **COMMITTEE, MEMBER AND LIAISON UPDATES** (Non-action items) – *1). Correspondence (including sportsmen’s concerns) and Announcements; and 2). Overview of the February 6 and 7, 2015, meetings of the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners.*
7. **OPEN MEETING LAW PRESENTATION** [Non-action item] – *An informational presentation on the Nevada Open Meeting Law. Jen Gustafson – Washoe County Deputy District Attorney*
8. **BALD MOUNTAIN MINE DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS)** [Non-action item] – *An informational update on the status of the Bald Mountain Mine DEIS. Alan Jenne – Habitat Division Chief*
9. **CURTAILMENT OF SUPPLEMENTAL GROUND WATER PUMPING IN SMITH AND MASON VALLEY HYDROGRAPHIC BASINS** – [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed State Water Engineer order to curtail supplemental groundwater pumping and the implications to the Mason Valley Wildlife Management Area. Alan Jenne – Habitat Division Chief*
10. **COMMISSION REGULATION 15-09 – Amendment 1, Emergency Depredation – Big Game Seasons** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed amendment of 2015–2016 and 2016–2017 hunting seasons and dates for elk emergency depredation hunt structure and quotas.*

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11. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 453 – LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File No. R113-14 – First Come First Serve Bonus Point Program Amendment** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed regulation relating to wildlife; regarding making an exception in the bonus point program and not have the loss of bonus points occur in the bonus point categories if the applicant is successful in the “first come, first serve” draw for a tag; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.*
12. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 457 Temporary LCB (Legislative Counsel Bureau) File T-15, Awards, Issuance, and Use of Tags – Proposed Changes to NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) 502.42279** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed temporary regulation amending license issuance and use clarification for elk incentive tags. Elk incentive tags were designed to be issued in association with “bull” hunts and seasons. Subsequent to initial NRS (Nevada Revised Statutes) and NAC (Nevada Administrative Code) adoption, “spike” hunts have been developed, and “antlered” tags do not clearly denote the appropriate quota or season for which the incentive tags are intended. The Department will propose language that clarifies the original intent of the legislation and rule promulgation to clearly articulate the association between the incentive tags and “bull” seasons, excluding any “spike,” “antlered,” or “antlerless” seasons.*
13. **COMMISSION GENERAL REGULATION 456 Temporary LCB File T-15, Elk Arbitration Process** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed processes describing the newly amended arbitration NAC 502.42283 by which the Commission may facilitate decisions should arbitration of elk incentive tag awards become necessary.*
14. **PETITION – Don Molde and Fred Voltz** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed Petition submitted by Don Molde and Fred Voltz requesting that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners take action to ban coyote killing contests in Nevada.*
16. **WILDLIFE DAMAGE COMMITTEE REPORT AND FISCAL YEAR 2016 Draft Predation Management Plan (Second Draft)** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed report from the Wildlife Damage Management Committee chair and the second draft of the proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Predator Management Plan will be presented and the Commission may take action to provide recommendations for modification of the second draft for the May Commission meeting.*
17. **HUMBOLDT COUNTY ELK SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed elk sub-planning process in accordance with the Nevada Elk Species Management plan for Humboldt County.*

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18. **ELK DEPREDATION DAMAGE CLAIM** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed authorization to compensate landowners for a damage claim when submitted in compliance with this rule. A claim has been submitted and investigated by the Department, but this same NAC limits the Department for approving any claims for greater than \$10,000. John Grady has submitted an elk depredation claim for \$13,720.*

19. **DRAFT TREATMENT PLAN FOR COMINS AND BASSETT LAKES** [For possible action] – *A review, discussion and possible action to recommend that the Nevada Board of Wildlife Commissioners approve, deny or otherwise modify a proposed draft treatment plan to eradicate invasive northern pike from Comins and Bassett Lakes, White Pine County, to the Commission. The document is available for public review and comment through April 3, 2015.*

20. **WASHOE COUNTY ADVISORY BOARD TO MANAGE WILDLIFE MEMBERS AND/OR STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS, REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION AND SELECTION OF TOPICS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS** [Non-action item] – *Selection of additional agenda item(s) for the April 30, 2015, meeting.*

21. **PUBLIC COMMENTS** [Non-action item] – *Comments heard under this item will be limited to three (3) minutes per person and may pertain to matters both on and off the Washoe County Advisory Board to Manage Wildlife (Board) agenda. The Board will also hear public comment during individual action items, with comment limited to three (3) minutes per person. Comments are to be made to the Board as a whole. Please sign the sign-in sheet.*

22. **ADJOURNMENT** [Non-action item]

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